

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF THE
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN,
TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

ROBINSON BROWN, TREASURER OF GOFFSTOWN
FOR 1887.

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Received of former treasurer . . .	\$3,196 67
insurance tax . . .	22 25
railroad tax . . .	196 30
savings-bank tax . . .	4,196 93
literary fund . . .	278 98
fine for selling liquors . . .	25 00
cash . . .	53
interest on school-fund money to July, 1887 . . .	14 24
of Ethan Smith, for use of town- house . . .	17 50
Rachael Cummings, for lot in Center cemetery . . .	5 00
Taggart Guards, for use of town-house . . .	20 00
G. A. R. Post, for use of town-house . . .	10 00
Ladies and Knights of Honor, for use of town-house to Jan. 1, 1888 . . .	21 00
Henry Moore, collector of taxes for 1883-85 . . .	566 57
Wm. S. Whipple, collector of taxes for 1886 . . .	313 95
Grange, for use of town-house in 1887 . . .	24 00
selectmen, for pair of oxen sold . . .	142 00
selectmen . . .	5 13
Charles Morgrage, for pair of oxen sold . . .	145 00
Daniel V. Morgrage, for use of town-house . . .	93 50

Received of George P. Hadley, collector		
of taxes for 1887 . . .	\$7,287 28	
county, for support of paupers	963 75	
Second M. E. Society, for		
wood and lights . . .	8 00	
for use of road-machine . . .	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$17,560 18

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By state tax	\$2,648 00	
county tax	1,927 73	
orders paid	11,433 12	
	<hr/>	\$16,008 85

In treasurer's hands at time of settlement with	
auditors	\$1,551 33
School-fund money in bank	350 00

ROBINSON BROWN,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Clinton H. Tirrell, labor on roads, 1886	\$18	25
John Pherson " " "	6	75
Wm. J. Blaisdell " " "	10	87
Wm. S. Whipple " " 1886-87	46	70
A. J. Pierce " " "	15	20
S. D. Johnson " " "	42	90
Fred E. Richards " " "	1	20
Joseph Caraway " " "	13	01
John Murphy " " "	29	37
Edwin Kidder " " "	11	97
Andrew McDougall " " 1886	20	00
S. J. Addison " " "	3	00
W. L. Roberts " " 1886-87	26	85
Mrs. E. J. Ayer " " 1886	2	85
David Butterfield " " "	5	40
P. C. Cheney, labor on roads and use of watering-tub	126	50
S. J. Tenney, labor on roads, 1887	16	35
Francis Martin " " "	7	35
J. Arthur Richards, labor on roads, 1887	10	87
George Tenney " " "	7	50
Horace Hazen " " "	8	93
Thomas Shortell " " "	10	50
Benj. P. Stinson " " "	46	65
S. W. Dunbar, labor on roads with machine	81	00
T. Worthley, labor on roads	9	75
Joseph Tirrell " " "	70	70
Frank Fuller " " "	3	75
E. W. Roberts " " "	1	50
George W. Hunkins, labor on roads	25	50
R. T. S. Shepard " " "	51	98
Wm. H. Poor " " "	43	70
W. E. Dwinnells " " "	9	00

Paid Mrs. Geo. W. Parker, labor on roads	\$8 50
L. N. George " "	26 68
George Pattee " "	17 21
A. M. Whipple " "	16 65
D. Plumer, four covering stone and labor on roads	21 50
Henry Carter, labor on roads .	60
George M. Eaton, labor on roads and sewer	36 50
F. H. Phillips, labor on roads .	11 55
D. Y. Stearns, " " .	2 00
Charles Shepard " " .	6 08
Albert Richards " " .	10 25
Joseph Heward " " .	3 75
Nelson Richards, labor on roads and town-house	15 05
Gilman Woodbury, grain for town team	44 41
E. Rowe, labor on roads . . .	7 85
C. H. Tirrell, labor on roads .	37 70
J. W. Tirrell " " .	43 50
F. O. Colby " " .	25 50
Henry Blaisdell, 2d., labor on roads	1 80
Iro M. Colby " " .	8 75
B. F. Hazen " " .	2 10
D. G. Roberts " " .	22 80
Lyman Stowell " " .	58 91
George H. Hoyt " " .	96 05
James Lochhead " " .	25 92
G. P. Hadley " " .	14 55
James McKeiver " " .	5 40
Henry Moore " " .	20 20
J. T. Gilmore " " .	5 53
S. W. Little " " .	9 45
Joseph Cram " " .	42 50
James Fields " " .	14 25
C. K. Pierce " " .	3 30
N. S. Merrill " " .	6 00
Ned Annis " " .	2 85
Daniel Annis " " .	2 25
F. S. Rand, labor on roads and sewer	3 00
John E. Tibbetts, labor on roads	27 85
Chas. H. Tibbetts " " .	5 80
A. J. Hall, labor on roads and sewer	28 85

Paid A. J. Hall, building new road .	\$45 00
H. G. Whipple, labor on roads .	6 00
Wm. A. Holt, " " .	4 00
H. Blaisdell " " .	9 90
L. Sargent " " .	1 20
Alvin Hadley " " .	3 75
Taylor Pierce " " .	8 45
D. L. Merrill " " .	10 50
O. C. Lord " " .	45 97
J. W. Merrill " " .	1 50
J. H. Garland " " .	3 75
L. T. Barnard " " .	8 35
C. A. Cleaveland, labor on roads and watering-tub	14 99
J. C. McIntire, labor on roads .	81 30
J. B. Lucian " " .	34 96
L. W. Bartlett " " .	25 60
J. B. Colby, labor on sewer .	12 00
Henry Stearns, labor on roads .	3 00
S. A. Kidder " " .	3 00
E. W. Kendrick " " .	11 85
James McDougall, labor on roads .	5 75
H. H. Kimball " " .	4 50
Jesse Cheney " " .	18 00
A. J. Hazen " " .	98 20
Irad Poor, labor on roads and bridge	70 00
C. E. Richardson, labor on roads .	2 90
S. E. Hills " " .	6 90
V. B. Martin " " .	17 00
David S. Ferson " " .	3 00
Gilman Plumer " " .	12 82
W. G. Plumer " " .	23 00
E. P. Williams " " .	2 25
J. G. Roberts " " .	15 30
A. M. Worthley " " .	1 50
S. Kidder " " .	75
C. Morgrave, labor on roads and sewer	31 55
A. H. Merrill, labor " 1886-87 .	8 85
Ira C. Bartlett, labor on roads, 1887 .	1 35
A. E. Jones " " " " .	52
B. F. Sweet " " " " .	7 95
W. Hebert " " " " .	2 47
A. Cushing, labor on roads and painting	5 60

Paid W. B. Richards, labor on roads .	\$24 96
B. F. Emerson " " .	2 33
Wm. Kidder " " .	5 55
John L. Whipple, labor on roads, painting and use of watering-tub	12 35
S. W. Bartlett, labor on roads .	4 65
S. J. Dow, labor on roads, 1886-87	19 40
Chas. Spencer, labor on roads, 1887	15 90
B. F. Stevens " " "	11 95
S. L. Greer " " "	1 20
John Ferson " " "	15 60
J. Q. Perley " " "	15 00
R. Pattee " " "	7 25
A. G. Poor " " "	13 17
L. B. Greer " " "	3 00
A. Woodbury " " "	17 95
Rodney Tirrell " " "	33 75
David Wells " " "	76 62
Gilman Story, labor 1886-87 .	8 25
Isaiah Richards, labor on roads, 1887	5 55
E. Whitney " " "	13 00
E. Flanders, labor on roads, sewer, and lumber	28 67
T. W. Richards, labor on roads .	4 25
Bradley Kidder " " .	1 50
Luther Kidder " " .	1 50
James Stiles " " .	17 45
Daniel Shirley " " .	40 00
H. E. Greer " " .	8 00
J. B. Pattee " " .	4 45
Wm. Lyman " " .	2 25
Seth Clough " " .	1 50
D. G. Davis " " .	9 00
C. A. Upham " " .	6 88
Caleb Stowell " " .	50 36
C. C. Hadley " " .	9 32
J. G. Abbott " " .	2 40
Stephen Tibbetts " " .	5 30
J. G. Oliver " " .	1 58
A. W. Russell " " .	6 75
F. H. Woodman " " .	5 00
E. Richards, 2d, labor on roads and keeping team	69 05
S. M. Barnard, labor on roads and plank	24 50
Peter Jones, labor on roads . .	1 50

Paid C. E. Morse, labor on roads . . .	\$4 90
C. B. Carr " " . . .	10 00
Walter J. Nichols " . . .	4 65
W. W. Merrill, labor on roads and sewer	27 55
Wm. H. Boyington, labor on roads	14 25
G. F. Worthley, labor on roads . . .	10 00
Frank Pierce " . . .	37 05
E. C. Shirley " . . .	70 00
S. J. Merrill " . . .	18 00
J. W. Hoit " . . .	26 50
J. M. Parker " . . .	4 90
D. W. Hoit " . . .	22 00
F. L. Fairbanks " . . .	3 00
A. J. Morgrage " . . .	15 75
A. E. Kesler " . . .	2 25
D. W. Stevens, labor on roads . . .	6 00
George Brothers " " . . .	21 25
B. H. Cram " " . . .	17 60
H. L. Kimball " " . . .	14 25
E. W. Cram " " . . .	1 65
J. G. Taggart " " . . .	25 50
J. B. Jones " " . . .	5 90
J. R. Ferson " " . . .	40 20
George Jackson " " . . .	75
E. L. Johonnett " " . . .	3 00
Philip Gasper " " . . .	3 95
B. Greer " " . . .	6 55
G. Cleaveland " " . . .	50
J. Haselton " " . . .	2 55
S. B. Gilchrist " " . . .	7 20
C. G. Barnard " " . . .	3 50
E. W. Mills, labor on roads and sewer	8 10
F. Johnson, labor on roads . . .	3 75
Ernest Johnson, labor on roads . . .	37 00
Gilman Woodbury, labor on roads . . .	103. 60
A. W. Whipple " " . . .	8 25
O. L. Richardson " " . . .	1 95
Wm. D. Hopkins " " . . .	6 00
C. H. Martin, labor on roads and use of watering-tub	5 95
	<hr/> \$3,466 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John W. Hoitt, 1 tongue for road-machine in 1886	\$1 00
Charles F. George, return of births and deaths in 1886	8 75
Samuel Upton, oil, and services in 1886	1 15
William A. Holt, use of watering-tub in 1886	2 00
Abram Colburn, use of watering-tub in 1886	3 00
O. F. Sumner, school books for indigent children, 1886 and 1887 .	4 09
Ormond D. Kimball, printing town reports	35 00
Temple & Farrington, inventory, record, voucher, collector's and surveyor's books	23 13
Ethan Smith, care of town-house and lighting bridge	4 80
George Q. Caldwell, damage to horse on road	5 00
C. E. Gove, yoke of oxen	150 00
C. E. Gove, damage to team on road	3 00
Clinton H. Tirrell, 1 yoke of oxen	152 50
W. S. Rowell, freight on 2 steel plates	25
Herbert Richards, printing tax bills and receipts	3 50
Charles Morgrage, decorating soldiers' graves	60 00
A. J. Morgrage, labor on lobby . .	14 49
B. P. Stinson, labor on lobby . .	14 88
Charles Morgrage, 6,420 bricks, cement, lime, labor on lobby, and cash paid out	115 97
J. B. Gove, labor on town-house .	3 00
Fred K. Hazen, labor on town-house	2 00
Moore & Campbell, shoeing oxen, iron for sewer, and use of watering-tub	36 50
Parker Brothers, oil, glass, nails, etc.	27 62
Parker Brothers, grain for town team	29 39
D. B. Austin, labor on town-house	4 50

Paid John Hadlock, 2 edges and 10 bolts for road-machine	\$17 00
S. C. Forsaith Co., 354 feet sheath- ing and freight	6 25
Henry Moore, labor on town-house, sewer, and cash paid out	33 18
William Moore, labor on town-house .	2 25
John W. Story, laths and clap- boards	6 40
L. Jones, glass and setting the same .	1 20
Rand & Seaton, 3 stoves, iron, zinc, iron sink, and labor	54 26
Rand & Seaton, 1,500 feet Akron pipe	204 48
Edwin A. Blaisdell, insuring town- house	12 50
A. H. Lowell, 3 cesspool castings .	6 21
J. M. & D. A. Parker, pasturing oxen and auctioneering	11 00
Kendall, Hadley & Co., sash, blinds, and lumber for town-house .	12 55
Charles Morgrage, expenses to court, to Concord to settle state tax, and cash paid for keeping tramp, sta- tionery, and stamp	26 65
H. E. Paige, printing orders, bills, notices, and check-lists	16 49
Charles G. Barnard, team to Dun- barton	2 00
James C. Jones, 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ cords of wood for town-house	14 80
D. A. Taggart, services in 1885, 1886, and 1887	32 00
S. Upton, nails	36
L. H. Greer, lighting Center bridge .	15 00
William Moore, lighting Dow bridge .	15 00
John F. Vance, labor on town-house and roads	31 52
Caleb Stowell, use of watering-tub .	3 00
Selwyn T. Martin, damage to sleigh .	5 00
J. C. McIntire, sawing wood for town-house	7 75
O. B. Pierce, 5,976 feet plank and 5 cords of wood for town	145 00
Mrs. M. E. Ladd, use of watering- tub	3 00

Paid D. V. Morgrage, care of town-house	\$20 00
G. M. Story, one half load wood for town-house	1 25
C. S. Balch, snowing Dow bridge	5 00
Rodney Johnson, lumber for town- house	14 04
Frank Johnson, recording births, deaths, burial permits, stationery, and stamps	20 35
Frank Blaisdell, certificates of births and deaths	9 25
Charles F. George, certificates of births and deaths	2 75
Henry Dodge, certificates of births and deaths	50
A. M. Davis, use of watering-tub two years	5 00
J. Whittemore, use of watering-tub	2 25
George P. Henry, snowing Henry bridge	5 00
D. A. Parker, lumber for town- house	6 00
G. P. Hadley, labor at cemetery and surveying Upton road . . .	139 50
R. Pattee, land damage for road .	75 00
S. E. Reynolds, damage to self and team	55 00
	<hr/> \$1,772 43

COUNTY CHARGES.

Paid Wm. Kidder, support of Gould child	\$25 99
C. E. Richardson, support of Benj. Belcher	7 75
Wm. S. Whipple, wood delivered Ann Foster in 1886	5 00
S. W. Dunbar, support of Mrs. Webster	55 00
Mrs. Hannah Miller, support of Thompson children	94 47
Parker Brothers, goods delivered F. K. Tucker	37 65
H. B. Fairbanks, blankets de- livered F. K. Tucker	4 50

Paid E. R. Poor, clothing delivered	
Jameson boy	\$5 62
Wm. H. Dubois, goods delivered	
Jameson boy	5 93
Wm. H. Dubois, goods delivered	
Benj. Sweet	8 00
Wm. H. Dubois, goods delivered	
James Fields	5 00
A. J. Sargent, meat delivered F.	
K. Tucker	22 49
A. J. Sargent, meat delivered B.	
Sweet and J. Fields	4 00
A. J. Sargent, meat delivered Ann	
Foster	3 59
Johnson & Sargent, meat delivered	
Ann Foster	1 25
Frank Blaisdell, medical attendance	
on county poor	44 25
B. F. Greer, goods delivered Mrs.	
Murphy	7 50
Gilman Woodbury, goods delivered	
Mrs. Murphy	10 86
G. P. Henry, goods delivered Ann	
Foster	2 89
Samuel Orr, board of John Howard	14 00
Mrs. Hattie Richards, board of	
John Howard	67 00
Jesse Nichols, support of Orin	
Tucker	82 49
Mrs. Mary Jones, board of J. L.	
Manning	104 00
Plumer & Holton, clothing for J.	
L. Manning	8 25
Parker Brothers, goods delivered	
James Fields	20 00
Mrs. Mary E. Wheeler, money,	
wood, and coal	94 00
George M. Story, wood to Ann	
Foster	9 00
Samuel Upton, goods delivered to	
A. Cushing	5 00
Mrs. Mary E. Willard, support of	
Chas. McCully	5 00
Chas. Morgrave, paid support of	
Margaret Leary and B. Belcher	26 00
Edwin Flanders, paid wood deliver-	
ed to Ann Foster	6 10

Paid Sargent & Hoyt, meat delivered to F. K. Tucker	\$7 67	
Sargent & Hoyt, meat delivered to Ann Foster	3 55	
C. F. George, medical attendance on county charges	11 25	
A. F. Carr, medical attendance on Thompson children	2 25	
G. M. Story, 1 load of wood to F. K. Tucker	2 25	
O. B. Pierce $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood de- livered B. Sweet	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$822 05

TOWN POOR.

Paid N. S. Merrill, board of John Harri- man	\$10 00	
E. A. Kesler, board of John Harri- man	40 00	
C. S. Willard, support of Bur- roughs children	8 00	
B. F. Emerson, support of Story child	26 50	
	<hr/>	\$84 50

SHEEP BILLS.

Paid J. M. and D. A. Parker, 8 sheep killed by dogs	\$34 20	
Daniel Shirley, 6 sheep killed by dogs	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$52 20

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, E. A. Blaisdell, committee	\$1,034 71	
Extra assessment, E. A. Blaisdell, com- mittee	442 00	
Town district, Edwin Flanders G. F. Farley, and Alvin Hadley, committee	1,595 88	
Extra assessment, Edwin Flanders, G. F. Farley, and Alvin Hadley, committee	320 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,392 59

FIRE PRECINCT MONEY.

Paid Charles Morgrave \$675 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edwin Flanders, overtaxed in 1886	\$10 36	
abatement of taxes in H. Moore		
list, 1884-85	41 14	
abatement of taxes in Wm S.		
Whipple list in 1886	15 18	
abatement of taxes in G. P. Hadley		
list in 1887	19 42	
	<hr/>	\$86 10

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Charles Morgrave, selectman	\$128 00	
Henry Moore, "	76 00	
Gilman Woodbury "	86 00	
Robinson Brown, treasurer	30 00	
Frank Johnson, town clerk	25 00	
George P. Hadley, tax collector	120 00	
Henry Moore, supervisor and moderator	8 50	
Rodney Johnson, supervisor	10 00	
John Bartlett, police service in 1886	2 00	
T. W. Richards, police service in 1887	5 00	
O. B. Pierce, police service	4 00	
A. J. Morgrave, police service	3 00	
J. M. Parker, auditor	2 00	
G. P. Hadley, auditor	2 00	
B. F. Stevens, services after settling with		
auditors, 1887	3 00	
A. J. Morgrave, services after settling		
with auditors, 1887	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$509 50

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX.

State tax	\$2,648 00	
School money	2,317 00	
Repairs of roads and bridges	588 05	
Defray town charges	1 00	
Five per cent on the above	277 70	
	<hr/>	\$5,831 75

Extra school and schoolhouse tax in district No. 1	\$442 00	
Five per cent on the same	22 10	
	<hr/>	\$464 10
Extra school and schoolhouse tax in town district	\$320 00	
Five per cent on the same	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$336 00
Goffstown village fire precinct	\$675 00	
Five per cent	33 75	
	<hr/>	\$708 75
We have assessed on the polls and estates of the inhabitants and non-residents of Goffstown the sum of	\$5,830 38	
We have assessed extra school tax in district No. 1	463 91	
We have assessed extra school tax in town district	335 45	
We have assessed fire precinct tax	707 54	
	<hr/>	\$7,337 28
Dog tax		138 00
		<hr/>
		\$7,475 28

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in treasury March 1, 1887	\$3,196 67	
Amount of taxes uncollected March 1, 1887	963 14	
Amount of taxes raised for 1887	7,475 28	
received of Hillsborough county	963 75	
from insurance tax	22 25	
railroad tax	196 30	
literary fund	278 98	
savings-bank tax	4,196 93	
for four oxen	287 00	
use of town-house	193 50	
cash	53	
for lot in Center cemetery	5 00	
use of road-machine	7 50	
from liquor fine	25 00	
due from county	124 85	
Interest on school fund	14 24	
	<hr/>	\$17,950 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid state tax	\$2,648 00
county tax	1,927 73
school money	2,630 59
extra school and schoolhouse tax in district No. 1	442 00
extra school and schoolhouse tax in town district	320 00
fire precinct tax	675 00
repairing roads and bridges	3,466 70
miscellaneous expenses	1,772 43
support of town poor	84 50
support of county poor	822 05
sheep bills	52 20
abatement of taxes	86 10
discount on taxes	183 68
town officers' bills	509 50
outstanding bills	100 00
orders given prior to March 1, 1887	382 74
Balance in favor of town	1,847 70
	<hr/> \$17,950 92

CHARLES MORGRAGE,
HENRY MOORE,
GILMAN WOODBURY,
Selectmen of Goffstown.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Taxes uncollected 1883, 1884, 1885	\$63 52
“ “ 1886	20 00
“ “ 1887	188 00
Cash in hands of treasurer	1,551 33
Due from county	124 85
	<hr/> \$1,947 70
Less bills believed to be due	100 00
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Balance in favor of town	\$1,847 70

We have carefully examined the books of the selectmen and treasurer, and find their accounts correct and satisfactory.

JOHN M. PARKER,
GEORGE P. HADLEY,
Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN.

The Board of Education beg leave to submit a brief report of their labors for the school year ending March 1, 1888, and to make a few suggestions which we hope will be received in the same spirit of good will as they are made. We think that the close of the second year of the operation of the new law finds an increase of friends to it, and that the end of the five years' trial will find but very few who will desire to return to the old system.

We do not claim but that we may have made some mistakes in the selection of satisfactory teachers for a few schools, but if so it was from causes which seemed at the time to leave us no other course to pursue. Yet, we think that, as a whole, the schools have been very satisfactory, and most of them exceedingly so.

It is a difficult matter to secure all first-class teachers. The boards of education in adjoining towns are often competing with us, and frequently secure one at a salary which with the limited means at our command we do not feel quite authorized to pay, but regretting exceedingly the necessity for losing their services.

We feel that the best interests of the district demand that a larger school fund should be placed at our disposal, so that we may secure and retain the most earnest and efficient workers for our own schools.

Most of our teachers are so situated that they choose to return to their own homes on Fridays, not returning until the follow-

ing Monday. We think the good people in the several districts should be willing to receive and care for them at a correspondingly low rate and thus help us to offer them better inducements to work with us. A live, earnest teacher, with her soul in her profession, is not a care but an acquisition in a family composed in part of the scholars under her care.

We feel that we are not asking anything wrong in wishing the parents to co-operate with us in this as well as in all things in our endeavors to promote the best interest of our schools.

The office of being a member of the Board of Education is not a sinecure by any means. The visiting and examinations of schools are but a trifling part of the duties. There is continually arising some fancied or perhaps a real grievance which must be inquired into and adjusted. Days or parts of days are often required to secure a satisfactory teacher. Whether the present compensation is enough to pay for the time and trouble, you will doubtless consider at your annual meeting.

We have not made all the repairs which we contemplated, and there remains quite a surplus for another year. The Kennedy Hill schoolhouse has been repaired and painted at a cost so far of \$18.62. The blinds are yet to be painted and put in place, and as there is sufficient paint on hand we have thought best to put on another coat on the finish. The whole cost will probably be in the vicinity of \$25, leaving a balance of about \$125 of the repair fund, enough, probably, for all repairs for the coming year.

We have called our annual meeting, as last year, at the Center schoolhouse, on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., and hope that all who have an interest in our school system will attend.

There are many considerations which might be urged in connection with this subject at this time, but for fear we may weary your patience, we will forbear, saying what we wish to say further in the individual reports of the several districts.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT DISTRICT.

To the Board of Education of the Town of Goffstown :

This district has had thirty-two weeks of schooling during the year, — two terms of eleven weeks each, one of ten weeks.

The school has been fortunate in continuing the same corps of teachers. Mr. L. M. Keneston has had charge of the High School, and has had the assistance of Mrs. Keneston in the recitations of the forenoon. Miss Lill. E. Philbrick has taught the middle school and Miss C. A. Worthley the primary.

Miss Addie Grant has continued her instruction in singing, giving a lesson of one hour in each of the lower rooms once a week. The teachers have labored faithfully and successfully.

The High School has been furnished with Gaggy's Anatomical Chart, which has proved a valuable aid in the study of physiology, anatomy, and hygiene. In connection with these studies, instruction in relation to the effect of alcoholic drinks upon the system has been given.

The district raised three hundred dollars above the amount required by law for school purposes, and one hundred and fifty dollars more to pay a portion of its indebtedness for heating apparatus.

The total amount raised by taxation has been \$1,476.71.

SALARIES.

Principal in High School . . .	\$80 00 per month.
Teacher in Middle School . . .	32 00 “
Teacher in Primary School . . .	32 00 “
Assistant teacher in High School . . .	12 00 “
Whole amount paid for teachers . . .	\$1,274 00
Total expenditures for all purposes . . .	1,651 68

The number of different scholars enrolled during the year, 189.

The whole number of different scholars belonging to district, 176.

With one exception, the scholars from outside the district are in the High School.

The attendance each term is as follows :

	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.
High School . . .	54	47	54
Middle School . . .	49	53	53
Primary School . . .	53	60	67
Totals	<u>156</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>174</u>

Average attendance, 164. Average cost per scholar, \$10.07.

The Middle School sends a class of 13 to the High School next term, and receives a class of 12 from the Primary.

The prospective number for this room next term is 52. The Primary School loses a class of 12 and gains probably 20. Its prospective number is 75.

These two rooms are of a size to accommodate 35 scholars each. The surplus of scholars above that number will fill another room and demand the full time of another teacher. This additional room and teacher must be had. The massing of so many in so small a space is an invitation to disease and death. The inclemency of the past winter, reducing the attendance in these rooms nearly one half, may have been a blessing in disguise, and to it may be attributed the life and health of many a child.

The large number of parents and friends visiting the school indicates their interest in it, and leads to the hope that the demands of the school will be cheerfully supplied.

They have also, by their presence, manifested their sympathy and good will towards the teachers, and have helped them in their work, encouraged the scholar, and contributed not a little to the efficiency and good reputation of the school. The registers show over 700 visits.

We wish to commend the scholars for their deportment, and the teachers for their faithful and intelligent efforts, and we trust the parents and friends will not permit their interest to flag, or the present high standing of the school to degenerate.

SAMUEL UPTON,

For Board of Education of Independent District.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Three Terms—Mary D. Hamilton, Frank O. Seaton, Edith A. Dustin, George R. Dustin, Frank E. Fletcher, Mabel C. Fletcher.

Two Terms—George L. Bidwell, Willie A. Paige, Bertha L. Martin, Josie A. Thompson, Phenie L. Jones, Willie P. Thompson, Nattie F. Bell, Georgia E. Cram, Nattie I. Paige, Josie C. Hadley, Lizzie M. Miller, Lottie M. Bell, Maud A. Oliver, George H. Hall, Edna M. Belcher, Grace E. Robbins.

One Term—Nettie S. Baker, Blanche G. Christie, Lizzie M. Flint, Effie M. Jenks, Katharina Murphy, Millie G. Soule, George C. Jenks, Willie C. Moore, Alice M. Baker, Clara L. Cutler, Carrie E. Hoit, A. Maud Lascombe, Carrie L. Morgrage, Lewis R. Gregg, Amos A. Neal, Fred L. Moore, Herbert R. Blaisdell, Mary E. Johnson, Gertrude E. Richards, Annie F. Richards, Nattie R. Brown, Fred Buxton, Frank Moore, Fred G. Tucker, Ernest H. Dustin, Edward F. Sampson, G. Everett Mudgett, Bertha L. Lyman, Lottie Pierce, Minnie A. Richards, Gertrude Seaton, Harry Blaisdell, Arthur Moore, Walter Nesmith, Susie E. Thompson, Frank E. Morgrage, Myra Knowlton.

No. 2. — MOUNTAIN.

Winter term, Helen M. Cram, teacher. Miss Cram had previously taught here, having good success. Her return was well appreciated, and a good work was accomplished with the school. A part of the scholars attended in New Boston during the spring and fall terms.

No. 3. — SHIRLEY HILL.

Summer and fall terms by Miss Helen M. Cram. A successful and experienced teacher. The school prospered under her charge.

Winter term by Miss Lydia D. Shirley. This was Miss Shirley's first term, but the school appeared well at our visits, and the scholars evidently profited by her instruction.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms*—Annie O. Shirley.

One Term—Walter H. Bartlett, John W. Regner, Fred M. Tennant, Emma D. Shirley, Bert Handly, Jimmie Shirley.

NO. 4. — KENNEDY HILL.

Three terms, all in charge of Miss Emma L. George. We believe from the appearance of the school at the several visits which we made that a good year's work has been done here. It is one of our pleasantest schools, with smart and well disposed scholars. There seemed to be the best of good feelings between teacher and taught, so that everything worked harmoniously, reflecting credit upon both.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *One Term* — Lillian Roberts.

NO. 5. — MAST ROAD.

Miss Carrie A. Tirrell, teacher for the three terms. One of our best teachers, and a good year of school, although from sickness and bad roads the attendance was very irregular, which prevented the school from making that showing which under favorable conditions they were capable of. The school appeared well, and gave evidence of faithful work by the teacher.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms* — May B. Tirrell.

Two Terms — Bertie G. Tirrell.

One Term — Albert S. Tirrell, Lewis O. Tirrell, Arthur E. Whipple, Maurice O. Whipple, Winnie M. Blake.

NO. 7. — EAST.

Three terms, with Miss Clara A. Greer as teacher. The winter term made her eighth term in this school, and it is almost needless to say they were all good ones. With a genuine love for the work and a peculiar fitness for it, a school under her care cannot well fail of being a success.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms* — Ida M. Merrill, La Forest A. Merrill, Mertie B. Merrill.

One Term — C. Lottie Merrill, Clinton Merrill, Eulalia Farnham.

NO. 8. — TEBBETTS HILL.

Spring and fall terms by Miss Helen G. Hardy. The school appeared well at the several visits of the board, and showed good and faithful work of the teacher, and a corresponding advance for the scholars. In the estimation of the visiting member, this

is one of the best and pleasantest schools in town, and requires and appreciates a good teacher.

The winter term by Mr. Carl B. Merrill. The school appeared well at the commencement. It was his first experience, but he was thoroughly qualified and full of enthusiasm, and we saw no cause to doubt his making a success of it. Owing to sickness of the teacher, the school closed without an examination.

Mr. John C. Hammond, a veteran, commenced a spring term February 27.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms* — Herman Whipple.
Two Terms — Dora E. Whipple.

One Term — Myrtie Cleveland, Charlie Little, Annie K. Ferson, David Hadley, Estella Davis.

NO. 9. — CENTER.

The summer and fall terms by Miss Nellie M. Eaton, who continued the faithful work which has characterized her labors as a teacher in the past.

Winter by John C. Hammond. Mr. Hammond is a veteran in the service, this being the eighty-third term which he has taught.

Summer and fall terms of primary by Miss Angie D. Barrett. The school prospered under her management.

Winter term by Miss Nellie M. Eaton. A good examination at close of school, well attended by parents.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms* — Harry S. Greer.

One Term — Arthur A. Merrill, Melvin Perkins, Nettie M. George, Gertie A. George, Agnes I. Greer, Hattie L. Kidder, Jemima J. Merrill, Sadie V. Sandford, Fred E. George, Hattie E. Tirrell, Lucy H. Greer, Edna M. Cheney, Lizzie M. Eaton, Mamie B. Hopkins, Gertie M. Shepard, James M. George, Nettie B. Roberts, Annie R. Flanders, Walter H. Woodbury, Adams L. Greer.

NO. 10. — PATTEE HILL.

Spring and fall terms, Loella Pattee, teacher. The fall term was the fifteenth taught by this teacher here. The continuation of the same teacher for so long a period speaks in terms of

praise of teacher, and in an especial manner of parents and of the scholars. Reasonable and considerate parents do very much towards making the school a success.

Winter term, William Odlin, teacher. Mr. Odlin is a collegiate at Dartmouth, class '90. Though he was inexperienced as a teacher, yet his adaptedness and thoroughness in the work indicated a knowledge of what real education is, seldom possessed by beginners. His examination was conducted in such a manner as to be a true test of what had been gained, and showed improvement truly commendable to the school. Bertha M. Pattee has attended nineteen successive terms without being absent or tardy.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms* — Eva B. Blaisdell, Bertha M. Pattee, Herbert E. Martin, Dora M. Martin, Ina L. Pattee, Bertie A. Whipple.

Two Terms — Mary E. Hazen, James F. Martin, Maurice Blaisdell.

One Term — Flora E. Merrill, Ida F. Richardson, Abby M. Woodman, Vanie H. Kidder, Charles Hazen, George H. Whipple, Gracie M. Richardson, Etta M. Tenney, Frank E. Kidder, Eva M. Hazen, Frank W. Tenney, Carrie A. Perley.

NO 11. — PARKER'S.

Spring and fall terms, Nellie S. Eaton, teacher. Miss Eaton maintained her former reputation as a teacher, having a school noted for regularity of attendance and proficiency in the branches studied. A class in geography gave the best recitation we ever heard on examination.

Winter term, George P. Hadley, teacher. With Mr. Hadley in the school-room success is insured as far as the teacher is concerned. The attendance and interest were good till the seventh week, when two scholars were taken with scarlet fever, and others were removed from the school on account of the disease or other sickness, and finally the great storm of January rendered it impossible for any to attend. The school was not re-assembled for examination.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Two Terms* — Harry C. Colter, Erastus H. Osgood, George Walker, Nellie M. Walker.

One Term — Joseph E. Caraway, Frank W. Eaton, Allen J. Osgood, Arthur S. Pierce, Nancy E. Gasper, John J. Gasper, Mattie L. Root.

NO. 12. — PAIGE HILL.

Summer and fall terms by Miss Angie Campbell, an excellent and accomplished teacher. This is one of the districts where the scholars seem to take pride in having a good school.

Winter term, by Miss Mabel C. McNeal, by whose patience and industry all things were made to work together for good to her pupils, in spite of storm and blizzard and arctic weather.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. — *Three Terms* — Elsie Moore.

Two Terms — Jennie Page, Blanche Whipple.

One Term — Mabel Pecoy, Flora Paige, Bert Paige, Frank Underhill.

GILMAN F. FARLEY,
ALVIN HADLEY,
EDWIN FLANDERS,
Board of Education.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Cash on hand March 1, 1887	\$16 83
Amount of school money for 1887	1,595 88
Due from individuals, for tuition	15 50
Due from Dunbarton, for tuition of Scott and Bennie H. Wheeler, year ending March, 1887	5 00
Amount of money raised for repairs	150 00
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	\$1,783 21
Amount in full for salaries of teachers, for fuel, and incidental expenses, as per bills	\$1,716 52
Paid for repairs on Kennedy Hill schoolhouse	24 02
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	\$1,740 54
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Amount on hand	\$42 67

G. F. FARLEY,
ALVIN HADLEY,
EDWIN FLANDERS,
Board of Education.

GOFFSTOWN, March 1, 1888.

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Board of Education, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT T. S. SHEPARD,
FRANCIS H. PHILLIPS,
Auditors.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of school.	Terms.	TEACHERS.	Weeks of school.	Wages per month.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Visits of the board.	Visits of parents and others.	No. of scholars not absent.
1	{ Spring.....	Luther M. Keneston ...	10.8	\$80 00	54	52	4	89	22
	{ Spring.....	Lill E. Philbrick.....	11	32 00	49	47	6	54	20
	{ Spring.....	Cynthia A. Worthley...	11	32 00	53	48	3	59	24
1	{ Fall.....	L. M. Keneston.....	11	80 00	47	46	2	70	6
	{ Fall.....	Lill E. Philbrick.....	11	32 00	53	51	4	42	8
	{ Fall.....	Cynthia A. Worthley...	11	32 00	60	56	2	60	12
1	{ Winter.....	L. M. Keneston.....	9.8	80 00	54	51	5	200	2
	{ Winter.....	Lill E. Philbrick.....	10	32 00	53	48	6	55	4
	{ Winter.....	Cynthia A. Worthley...	10	32 00	57	40	3	68	7
2	Winter.....	Helen M. Cram.....	9	24 00	7	6	2	8	1
3	{ Spring.....	Helen M. Cram.....	8	20 00	15	13	2	18	4
	{ Summer.....	Helen M. Cram.....	8	20 00	16	15	3	40	3
	{ Winter.....	Lydia D. Shirley.....	9	20 00	9	8	3	34	2
4	{ Spring.....	Emma L. George.....	8	20 00	8	7.5	2	..	1
	{ Fall.....	Emma L. George.....	8	20 00	11	9	2
	{ Winter.....	Emma L. George.....	9	24 00	11	10	2	5
5	{ Spring.....	Carrie A. Tirrell.....	8	20 00	15	14	3	6	5
	{ Fall.....	Carrie A. Tirrell.....	8	20 00	8	6	2	19	3
	{ Winter.....	Carrie A. Tirrell.....	9	24 00	10	11	2	14	2
7	{ Spring.....	Clara A. Greer.....	8	20 00	16	8	2	10	3
	{ Fall.....	Clara A. Greer.....	8	20 00	16	13	1	11	5
	{ Winter.....	Clara A. Greer.....	9	24 00	19	16	1	7	4
8	{ Spring.....	Helen G. Hardy.....	8	20 00	16	15	2	10	4
	{ Fall.....	Helen G. Hardy.....	8	26 00	16	14	2	10	6
	{ Winter.....	Carl B. Merrill.....	8	30 00	21	17	1	22	3
9	{ Spring.....	Nellie M. Eaton.....	8	24 00	23	22	2	39	5
	{ Spring.....	Angie D. Barrett.....	8	20 00	24	20	2	24	10
9	{ Fall.....	Nellie M. Eaton.....	8	24 00	25	22	2	31
	{ Fall.....	Angie D. Barrett.....	8	24 00	25	22	2	27	4
9	{ Winter.....	John C. Hammond.....	9	36 00	30	29	2	63	4
	{ Winter.....	Nellie M. Eaton.....	9	24 00	25	22	2	30	1
10	{ Spring.....	Loella Pattee.....	8	24 00	28	27.9	2	13	15
	{ Fall.....	Loella Pattee.....	8	24 00	28	27	2	25	10
	{ Winter.....	William Odlin.....	10	33 00	30	29	2	47	11
11	{ Spring.....	Nellie S. Eaton.....	8	20 00	15	15	1	28	9
	{ Fall.....	Nellie S. Eaton.....	8	20 00	13	13	2	12	5
	{ Winter.....	George P. Hadley.....	9	35 00	18	14	1	1
12	{ Spring.....	Angie Campbell.....	8	24 00	10	9	2	11	6
	{ Fall.....	Angie Campbell.....	10	24 00	11	9	2	16	1
	{ Winter.....	Mabel C. McNeal.....	7	30 00	10	9	4	21	4

CEMETERY REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown :

At the annual March meeting of 1887, the town made an appropriation for the care and beautifying of cemeteries, and accordingly the work was commenced the past year. The first step was to ascertain the exact locality of graves and names of person buried. This matter having been so long neglected and no record having been kept of burials, and so many having no stone to mark their last resting-place, soon began to assume many difficulties. After a careful examination of the yards in town, I submit the following items :

VILLAGE CEMETERY. — Whole number buried, 961 ; of which 609 have monuments or headstones, 346 have no stones or any thing more than in some cases a mound of earth to even mark the spot ; 108 are to me unknown, and of six I do not even find the graves.

SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY. — The whole number buried is 62 ; 48 having stones, 14 no stones, 1 unknown. Of those who were soldiers, I find in the West yard 30, and on Shirley Hill 5. I made a complete survey of the yards and drew plans showing the locality of each grave, and, as far as possible, tried to ascertain who occupied the unmarked graves. In the Center yard I find 1,770 graves, but my record is not complete enough to report at present.

I would recommend that a record be kept hereafter by the sextons, and at the end of the year they be marked on the plans. I would also recommend the clearing of the bushes, grass, and weeds from the cemeteries, and introduction of water, which could be done at small expense.

GEORGE P. HADLEY.



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